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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: MASS, IR, SP

SUBJECT: IRANIAN REQUEST TO USE TORREJON BASE

1. IRANIAN EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED DEPT TO ASK FOR US HELP  
CONCERNING PROPOSED USE OF TORREJON BY IRANIAN F-4 AND  
TANKER AIRCRAFT TRANSITING SPAIN FROM UNITED STATES TO  
IRAN. EMBASSY OFFICIAL NOTED THAT IN PAST MOST FLIGHTS  
OF F-4S AND TANKERS HAD US PILOTS AND US MARKINGS AND  
THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE OR NO PROBLEM IN THE USE OF TORREJON.  
HOWEVER, FUTURE FLIGHTS OF THE F-4S AND TANKERS FROM THE  
US WILL HAVE IRANIAN PILOTS AND INSIGNA.

2. ACCORDING TO IRANIAN EMBOFF, THE IRANIAN EMBASSY IN  
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MADRID APPROACHED THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT WITH THE REQUEST  
FOR PERMISSION TO USE TORREJON AS IN THE PAST BUT UNDER  
THE NEW CONDITIONS. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT REPLIED THAT  
ACCORDING TO THE SPANISH-US BASE AGREEMENT THE USE OF  
TORREJON BY THIRD PARTIES "IS PROHIBITED EVEN IN  
EXCEPTIONAL CASES". AT THE SAME TIME, SPANISH GOVERNMENT  
OFFERED THE USE OF GETAFE OR ANOTHER BASE (UNNAMED) NEAR

MADRID.

3. THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE USE OF TORRE-  
JON IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE F-4S AND TANKERS BECAUSE OF THE  
FACILITIES AVAILABLE AND SECURITY AT THE BASE. THE  
EMBASSY OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED THAT THE USE WOULD NORMALLY  
BE ONLY FOR REFUELING AND PILOT REST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: BEARING IN MIND SPANISH SENSITIVITIES  
REGARDING ACTIVITIES AT JOINT-USE FACILITIES FOR PURPOSES  
OUTSIDE THE 1976 TREATY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER  
INFORMATION EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE ON THIS MATTER IN ORDER  
TO RESPOND TO IRANIAN REQUEST. VANCE

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